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## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, August 9, 2007**

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, August 9, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., at the St. Maron Hall, 11466 Kercheval, Detroit, Michigan 48214.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Erminia Ramirez **(ABS)**  
Jim Holley  
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**  
Willie Hampton  
Arthur Blackwell II **(ABS)**

##### **Department Personnel Present**

Deputy Chief Joyce Motley  
DC Chester Logan  
DC Marshall Lyons  
2<sup>ND</sup> DC John Clark  
3<sup>rd</sup> DC Paula Lytle  
Cmdr. Walter Long  
Cmdr. Troy Quinn  
Cmdr. William Hudson  
Cmdr. Leo Powers  
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee  
Cmdr. John Serda  
Insp. James Moore  
Lt. Jeffrey Romeo  
Lt. Linda Vertin  
Lt. Dwayne Love  
Lt. Laurie Sabatini  
Lt. Debra Fair  
Lt. Robbin Kirkwood-Farrar  
Sgt. Mattie Lewis  
Sgt. Diane Benners  
PO Sophia Nelms  
PO Tobias Rios  
PO Phillip Curtis

PO Shawnee Robins  
PO Joel Tamaszewski  
PO Vanessa Burt  
PO Kenyetta Borden

**Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director  
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator (ABS)  
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator  
Leslie Griffin, Community Relations Coordinator  
P.O. Kent Cooper

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Eddie Booker  
Evelyn Dukes  
James Leach  
Gloria Benberry  
Theresa Carter  
Frank McMitchell  
Artell Harp  
Kenneth Reed  
Walter Rice  
Marseilles Brice

Majorie Henry  
Marvin Petty  
Ola Johnson  
Tarnetta Carter  
Ron Scott  
Shelia Owens  
Irvan Higgins  
Florea Black  
Sandra Hines  
Rosie Zelia

**RECORDERS**

Jerome Adams  
Robert Brown

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** called the forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:37 p.m.

**Vice-Chairperson Holley** thanked St. Maron Hall for hosting this community meeting.

**Comm. Hampton** read the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Agenda for August 9, 2007, was tabled due to the lack of a quorum.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes for August 2, 2007, was tabled due to the lack of a quorum.

#### 4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

##### 1. SECRETARY REPORT

##### CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2007 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	39	1023
		28% Increase
2006 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	28	838
		18% Increase

- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of 1,129 active investigations, of which 728 of those are for 2007.

##### TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS

ARREST	2
DEMEANOR	20
FORCE	6
ENTRY	1
HARASSMENT	1
PROCEDURE	19
PROPERTY	0
SEARCH	2
SERVICE	9

**TOTAL            60**

##### COMMANDS

UNKNOWN	3
COMM/OPS	5
SW. DIST	0
CENT. DIST	3
EAST. DIST	10
WEST. DIST.	4
NW DIST.	3
TACTICAL	0
NARCOTICS	2
INTERNAL AFF	1
NE DIST	5
V. CRIMES	2

**TOTAL            39**

## 5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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# SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS



"BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS"

## Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*

### Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of July 30, 2007 through August 5, 2007, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 50 search warrants and 90 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- **74 Felony arrests**
- **204 Misdemeanor arrests**
- **12 Juveniles detained**
- **204.40 grams of cocaine, 40.6 grams of heroin, 13,094.30 grams of marijuana and 222 pills with a total street value:**
  - **\$ 209,437.20**
  - **\$ 23,780.00 in U.S. Currency**
- Confiscated:
- **20 Handguns**



### Engaging the Community

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

On August 1st, members of Domestic Violence apprehended a subject wanted for "Home Invasion." As a result of their investigation, the subject was arrested and charged with (1) Assault with Intent to Commit Murder, (2) Home Invasion 1st Degree, (3) Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm, (4) Aggravated Stalking, (5) 4-Counts of Felonious Assault, (6) Malicious Destruction of Building, (7) Malicious Use of Telephone, (8) Malicious Destruction of Personal Property, and (9) Domestic Violence.



#### ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the Districts in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

#### Location

#### Hours of Operation

#### Telephone

2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
7737 Kercheval	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-4778
13206 E. Jefferson	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-5759
19810 Grand River	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	935-5322
13530 Lesure	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	596-5300
12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

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#### Special points of interest:

##### • Next meeting:

Thursday, August 16, 2007  
@ 3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Department**  
**1300 Beaubien St. Suite 328-A**  
**Detroit, Michigan 48226**

## *Police / Community Intervention*

AUGUST 9, 2007



### CENTRAL DISTRICT

On August 3rd, officers of the Central District responded to the 3000 block of Second on a "Robbery that Just Occurred." As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with Robbery Armed.

### WESTERN DISTRICT

On August 4th, officers of the Western District received an anonymous tip of a subject wanted for armed robbery. As a result of their investigation, a subject was apprehended and charged with (1) Carjacking, (2) Robbery Armed, (3) Felonious Assault, (4) Larceny from Auto, (5) Felony Firearm, (6) Habitual 4th Degree, and (7) Motor Vehicle Advisory.



### SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

On August 5th, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the 4000 block on an "Assault, Person with a Weapon." As a result of their quick response and investigation, a subject was arrested for Robbery Armed.



### NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

On August 2nd, officers assigned to the Northeastern District responded to the area of Gallagher and Davison on "Shots Fired in the Area." As a result of their investigation, officers arrested a subject who was charged with (1) Fleeing & Eluding 3rd Degree, (2) Possession with Intent to Deliver Cocaine, and (3) Possession to Deliver Cocaine.



**Deputy Chief (DC) Motley** thanked the community for being here and introduced staff of the Eastern District.

**DC Motley** introduced Cmdr. Serda to present the presentation on the Eastern District.

**Cmdr. Serda** gave a brief overview of the Eastern District goals and objectives.

**(SEE ATTACHMENT)**

**Comm. Holley** asked since the restructure is there anything that the citizens are complaining about.

**Cmdr. Serda** stated yes, the citizens in the southern part of the district feel as though they aren't getting the kind of service as when the Fifth Precinct was opened. They are providing the service, but it is the perception that the citizens have. They are working very hard on convincing them that the Fifth Precinct was just a building and they are getting better service out of the Eastern District. Cars are assigned to sectors in every district.

**Comm. Holley** asked are the neighborhood city halls located in the districts.

**Comdr. Serda** stated yes.

**Comm. Holley** asked can the neighborhood city hall play a part in the southern part of the Eastern District.

**Comdr. Serda** stated the city hall does participate in the department community meetings. They also have a satellite station in the southern part of the district for support.

**Comm. Holley** asked are there plans to evaluate the restructuring plan as it relates to the citizens.

**DC Motley** stated that she will take that question back to the Chief to see if there's something in the works.

**Comdr. Serda** stated the committee that put together the restructuring is being called back to evaluate the plan.

**Comm. Holley** asked is there a time table for this.

**Comdr. Serda** stated no timetable was given.

**Comm. Holley** asked how long has the restructuring plan been in place.

**DC Motley** stated September of this year will be two years.

**Comm. Holley** asked the DC if she can put a time frame on the evaluation.

**DC Motley** stated she will forward the information to the Chief.

**Comm. Hampton** asked what is the number one complaint from the citizens of the Eastern District.

**Comdr. Serda** stated the most common complaint is the time for a car to respond to calls. That's something that the department is continuing to work on.

**Comm. Hampton** asked is there something in place for that.

**Comdr. Serda** stated there are a number of initiatives that have been implemented by the Chief, such as Narcotics Intensity Patrol Impact Team (NIPIT) that brings a lot of extra units into the district.

**Comm. Holley** stated that there are 183,000 citizens that are being served in the Eastern District. How many cars to serve the citizens?

**Comdr. Serda** stated if you count the normal scout cars and the booster cars, you probably have between 14 and 16 cars.

**Comm. Holley** asked is that the average per district.

**Comdr. Serda** asked some districts have more and some have less.

**Comm. Hampton** asked what the number one crime that is being reported in the Eastern District.

**Comdr. Serda** stated that armed robbery and shootings are the ones that the department is focusing on.

**DC Motley** introduced Lt. Romeo of the Civil Rights Bureau who will be giving the presentation on the Consent Decrees.

**Lt. Romeo** gave an overview of the two consent judgments and their extensions.

**Comm. Holley** asked for LT. Romeo to elaborate on the extensions.



**Lt. Romeo** stated the department must have one year of compliance with all the paragraphs prior to the expiration date; therefore, they had to ask for an extension until 2011.

**Comm. Holley** asked is there an exit strategy.

**Lt. Romeo** stated the department is working with the Monitor and the Department of Justice (DOJ) to work through certain issues and to speed the process up. The department thinks they should be able to step out of this by 2011.

**Comm. Hampton** asked what is different now as it relates to the condition of confinement in the holding cells.

**LT. Romeo** stated that officer has to wear gloves, there is a comprehensive cleaning schedule, refrigerated temperatures, and food is served in a packaged container.

**Comm. Hampton** asked is the food being served by an inmate.

**LT. Romeo** stated no.

**Comm. Holley** asked Dir Ducker is the leave of absence in her attrition report normal, and how does it impact the department as it relates to servicing the Districts.

**Dir. Ducker** stated she will do a comparison going back two years to see if the numbers are averaged, higher or lower. One of the issues that affect those numbers is the Family Leave Act.

## **6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no standing committee reports.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** Ms. Marjorie Henry has been a resident of the city of Detroit in the Eastern District for 20 years. She is a mother of two adult daughters and the proud grandmother of three beautiful grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Henry is a District Delegate, Board Member of City Wide, leader of the Junior Explorers Program, and she has attended the Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) camp; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Henry has been active in the decision making process for activities within the Eastern District. She has been a member of Business United with Officers & Youth (B.U.O.Y.) for 15 years. Under the direction of Ms. Henry, the Eastern District B.U.O.Y. Program's business membership has doubled; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Henry is committed to helping the community and youth within the Eastern District. Ms. Henry participates in the Eastern District Community Relations meetings, National Night Out, Motor City Makeover, community clean-up efforts, beautification and planting flowers at the Eastern District, Community Crime Walks and Angel's Night; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department; acknowledges the dedication and generosity of Ms. Marjorie Henry. Her exemplary and selfless service in improving the quality of life for all citizens in her community and throughout the city of Detroit merits our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Ms. Marjorie Henry.

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ Erminia Ramirez  
Chairperson

/s/ Jim Holley  
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie  
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton  
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE**  
**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS** /s/ Arthur Blackwell, II  
**AUGUST 9, 2007** Commissioner

**DC Motley** presented Majorie Henry with the Certificate of Recognition from the police department and the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of City Council.

**M. Henry** thanked everyone for these awards.

Adoption of the Resolution for Ms. Henry was tabled because there was no quorum.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, August 16, 2007 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Police Headquarters  
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A  
Detroit, MI 48226

**10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**M. Brice** stated his organization had a protest at the Eastern District because the district doesn't have enough police officers.

**Comm. Holley** asked Mr. Brice if he had met with the DC of Eastern District.

**M. Brice** stated yes, he met with DC Motley and got some results from her. To hire more manpower, that has to come from the top.

**Comm. Holley** asked for Mr. Brice to submit his concerns in writing and forward them to the Board.

**M. Brice** stated yes, sir.

**A. Harp** stated his son was shot this year by a Detroit Police Officer and he would like to know the officer's work status.

**Comm. Holley** asked what is you son's name.

**A. Harp** stated Artrell Dickerson.

**DC Motley** stated she did not know the circumstances of the case.

**A. Harp** stated the officer works in the Eastern District.

**Comm. Holley** asked Mr. Harp if he knows the officer's name.

**A. Harp** stated his last name is Taylor.

**Comm. Holley** stated they will get him that answer.

**A. Harp** asked who investigated the shooting.

**DC Motley** asked Mr. Harp to give his information to Mr. Cromwell and someone will call him with that answer.

**A. Harp** asked is there any procedures that an officer has to go through to see if alcohol or anything else was going on with an officer.

**DC Motley** stated that is handled by Internal Affairs.

**Comm. Holley** asked do you feel like you are not being updated on what has happened.

**A. Harp** stated that's correct.

**Comm. Holley** stated they will provide him with as much information as they can.

**J. Leach** stated three people were killed because the barrels that the construction workers were using didn't have the flashing lights on them. He believes that the construction company should be held liable for this.

**K. Reed** stated his parents have lived on Richton for 30 years and there is a family who also lives on the street that has been terrorizing it. He would like to get some assistance with this issue.

**DC Motley** asked Mr. Reed to speak with Cmdr. Hudson on this issue.

**R. Scott** stated they have been receiving complaints from the citizens about the PR-24 Baton.

**Comm. Holley** asked Mr. Scott if he is keeping track of those complaints.

**R. Scott** stated yes.

**Comm. Holley** stated because your group can play a role as it relates to the use of force.

**R. Scott** stated he would like to see this Board be more aggressive on issues such as this.

**R. Zelia** asked if she could get a sheet with telephone numbers in case she had to call someone if she has a compliant. She asked if meter maids are allowed to give tickets on residential streets.

**DC Motley** stated for Ms. Zelia to speak to Sgt. Lewis.

**I. Higgins** he would like for the department to do something about the crowds that stand in front of stores, gas stations, and restaurants.

**G. Benberry** stated she would like to see more police presence in her area.

**DC Motley** asked Ms. Benberry to speak to Lt. Welles.

**S. Hines** stated that the citizens of the Western District seem to have a very close relationship with the police department, and they don't have a lot of issues like the other districts.

**Comm. Holley** stated he stays in the Western District and they help supplement the police by hiring their own security for the area he stays in, and more of this needs to happen.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**